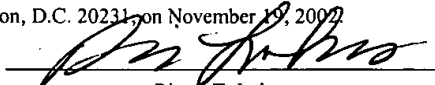




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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2002 (Paper No. 24) for which a response was due on October 19, 2002 and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from October 19, 2002 to November 19, 2002.

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